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Mr. Paul Baker  
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Re: Request for Extension of Time to Amend Large Mine Notice and to Provide  
Additional Reclamation Surety for Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/0032.

Dear Paul:

By letter dated October 22, 2014, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining ("Division") directed Tar Sands Holdings II (TSH II) to submit additional reclamation surety in the amount of \$381,000.00, by December 1, 2014. Further, the Division directed TSH II to "identify areas outside the permitted area for M/047/032 affected by operations by TSH II or its predecessors," and to amend its Large Mining Operation Notice no later than December 8, 2014. On behalf of TSH II, we respectfully request that the Division extend both deadlines until February 28, 2014.

Since the Division issued its directive, TSH II has executed a letter of intent with a purchaser to acquire TSH II and, by extension, the Asphalt Ridge Permit M/047/032. At this time, TSH II anticipates that the acquisition will close by February, 2015. Per the letter of intent, the purchaser has agreed to post any additional reclamation surety on behalf of TSH II at that time.

TSH II and the prospective purchaser are eager to resolve outstanding reclamation questions at Asphalt Ridge. Ongoing negotiations between TSH II and Uintah County have been productive. TSH II expects that an agreement between all parties can be reached prior to closing. TSH II, therefore, requests that the Division grant an extension until February 28, 2015, to post the increased reclamation bond and adjust the permit boundaries of the Asphalt Ridge Mine.

Very truly yours,

Snell & Wilmer

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